

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A light fixture comprising:

a stem assembly having a first end and a second end,

5 a fixture body having a connecting aperture adapted so that said stem assembly first end extends through said connecting aperture,

a washer having an inner bore positioned to engage said stem assembly first end,

a fastening system associated with said washer and said fixture body,

10 wherein said stem assembly first end extends through said fixture body connecting aperture and fixedly engages said washer, said washer being locked with said stem assembly, said fastening system engages said washer so that said fixture body is locked with said stem assembly and said washer.

15 2. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said fixture body is unlocked from said stem assembly and said washer when said fastening system is disengaged with said washer, said fixture body being free to move relative to said stem assembly when said fastening system is disengaged.

20 3. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said stem assembly second end is adapted to be connected to a horizontal supporting surface.

4. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said stem assembly first end is adapted to receive keyed hardware, said washer having a keyed inner bore so that when said

keyed washer engages said stem assembly said keyed washer is locked with said stem assembly.

5 5. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said fastening system is comprised of a set screw extending through a threaded aperture in said fixture body to engage said washer.

6. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said washer is welded to said stem assembly so that said washer is locked with said stem assembly.

10 7. The light fixture of claim 2 further comprising:
at least one barrier extending from said fixture body,
a projection extending from said washer,
wherein said projection engages said barrier thereby preventing said fixture body
from rotating more than 360 degrees.

15 8. The light fixture of claim 2 further comprising:
at least two barriers extending from said fixture body,
a projection extending from said washer,
wherein said projection engages one of said barriers thereby preventing said
20 fixture body from rotating more than 180 degrees.

9. The light fixture of claim 8 wherein said barriers are comprised of one of material or hardware associated with connecting lighting element holders to said fixture body.

5 10. The light fixture of claim 1 further comprising bearings.

11. The light fixture of claim 10 wherein said bearings are positioned one of above or below said fixture body.

10 12. The light fixture of claim 10 wherein said bearings are positioned above and below said fixture body.

13. The light fixture of claim 1 further comprising:

upper bearings abutting a first side of said fixture body, and

15 lower bearings abutting a second side of said fixture body, said lower bearings also abutting a first side of said washer to ensure easy rotation of said fixture body.

14. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein a retaining connector abuts a second side of said washer.

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15. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said stem assembly second end further comprises at least one chain link.

16. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said stem assembly is tubular.

17. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said light fixture body is asymmetrical.

5 18. The light fixture of claim 1 wherein said light fixture is a chandelier.

19. A hanging light fixture comprising:

a stem assembly having a first end and a second end, said stem assembly first end
being adapted to be connected to a horizontal support surface,

10 a fixture body having a connecting aperture adapted so that said stem assembly
second end extends through said connecting aperture,

a washer being welded to said stem assembly second end,

a set screw corresponding to a threaded aperture in said fixture body,

wherein said stem assembly second end extends through said fixture body

15 connecting aperture and is welded to said washer so that said washer is locked to said
stem assembly, said set screw extends through said threaded aperture to frictionally
engage said washer so that said fixture body is locked with said stem assembly and
said washer.

20 20. A chandelier comprising:

a stem assembly having a first end and a second end, said stem assembly first end
being adapted to be connected to a ceiling,

a fixture body having a connecting aperture adapted so that said stem assembly second end extends through said connecting aperture, said fixture body having a first side and a second side,

an upper bearing abutting said first side of said fixture body,

5 a washer being welded to said stem assembly second end, said washer having a first side and a second side,

a lower bearing abutting said second side of said fixture body and said first side of said washer,

a set screw corresponding to a threaded aperture in said fixture body,

10 wherein said stem assembly second end extends through said fixture body connecting aperture and engages said washer so that rotation of said washer is locked to rotation of said stem assembly, said set screw extends through said threaded aperture to frictionally engage said washer so that rotation of said fixture body is locked with rotation of said stem assembly and said washer,

15 wherein said chandelier further comprises at least two barriers extending from said fixture body second side, and a projection extending from said washer so that said projection engages one of said barrier thereby preventing said fixture body from rotating more than 180 degrees when said set screw is not frictionally engaged with said washer.

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